

REMARKS

Claims 21-27 and 29-48 are now pending in the application. Claim 28 has been cancelled and new Claims 38-48 are presented for consideration. Basis for the amendments and support for new claims can be found throughout the originally filed application such that no new matter has been presented.

NEWLY PRESENTED CLAIMS

Applicant notes that Claims 38-48 are presented herein in an attempt to define and claim Applicant's invention in accordance generally with the Examiner's reasons for allowance, as set forth in Paragraph 7 of the Office Action.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 21-23 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the Havens '813 patent. Likewise, Claims 21 and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S. C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the Kirchweger '014 patent. Both of these anticipatory rejections are traversed.

Independent Claim 21 has been amended to include the limitations of objected to Claim 28 (now cancelled) to overcome both § 102(b) rejections. Accordingly, Claim 21 and its remaining dependent claims are now in condition for allowance.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The allowance of Claims 31-37 is acknowledged. Objected Claims 24 and 25 are allowable in view of the Applicant's amendment of Claim 21.

NEW CLAIMS

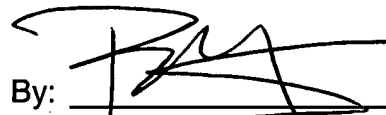
New Claims 38-48 include independent Claims 38 and 45 which both are allowable over all the prior art of record. Specifically, the new claims are directed to differing combinations of the elements cited by the Examiner to define allowable subject matter. Thus, consideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1240.

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